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S.C.R. No.

116

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

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RESOLVED, That both legislative and public members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes and duties of this Resolution in equal proportions from the Expense Fund of the House and the Contingent Expense Fund of the Senate; other necessary

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May 27, 1971

We, your Committee on Administration
to which was referred SCR. ~~EX~~ No. 116, have had the same under
consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the
Senate with the recommendation that it do pass
N. H., and be printed.

Chairman Hightower

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Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 116 was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 1971.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 116 was adopted by the House on May 31, 1971.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-8-71

Date

Signed

Governor

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Secretary of State

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Creating the Rio Grande River Water Study Committee.

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

MAR 24 1971 Read first time and referred to Committee on

Administration

MAY 27 1971 Reported favorably.

Ordered not printed by the Senate.

Immediate consideration ordered by
(unanimous consent.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

Read and Adopted.

Secretary of the Senate

MAY 28 1971

Immediate consideration ordered by unanimous consent
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MAY 28 1971 Read and Adopted.

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

5-28-71 Engrossed

Bea Lins
Engrossing Clerk

MAY 28 1971 Sent to House.

MAY 28 1971

Received from the Senate

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

READ 1st TIME
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
Resolution & Interim Activities

MAY 29 1971

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MAY 29 1971 REPORTED FAVORABLY

ORDERED NOT PRINTED

SENT TO THE SPEAKER

MAY 31 1971

DATE _____

READ AND ADOPTED
Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31 1971 RETURNED TO SENATE

RETURNED MAY 31 1971
FROM HOUSE

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